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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this operational memo is to advise the eligibility sites of the increase to the Community Spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and Shelter Allowance.

Please share this letter with all eligibility staff, supervisors and administrators that manage nursing facilities, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and other outside agencies, as appropriate.

Background:

When one spouse is in an institution, such as a nursing home or HCBS, the MMMNA and the Shelter Allowance are a portion of the couple's combined resources that is protected for the spouse living in the community to prevent that spouse's impoverishment.

The standard maintenance allowance for the community spouse is based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and is adjusted on July 1 every year. The MMMNA is equal to 150 percent (150%) of the FPL for a family of two. The Shelter Allowance is equal to 30 percent (30%) of the approved MMMNA and is also being increased based on the adjusted FPL.

Information/Procedure:

2019 MMMNA \$2,114

2019 Shelter Allowance \$635

Attachment(s):

None

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